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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of

Kazuhiro TAKAHASHI et al.

Serial No.: 09/508,604 ✓

Filed: March 14, 2000

For: DECORATIVE MATERIAL

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Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the USPTO to return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 filed August 23, 2002 with the IDS as acknowledgment of receipt and consideration thereof. A courtesy copy of that PTO-1449, IDS and Certification filed therewith, as well as a copy of applicants' representatives' postcard receipt evidencing receipt of these documents by the PTO, are enclosed.

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, the appropriate Patent and Trademark Office official is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

[X] Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

OR

[] No item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

August 23, 2002
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Information Disclosure Statement
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(ii)

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby respectfully request consideration and entry of the Information Disclosure Statement filed contemporaneously herewith. The references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement were cited in a European Search Report in a corresponding Japanese patent application mailed on June 10, 2002. The certification under Rule 97(e)(1) is filed herewith, as well as a check in the amount of \$180.00, pursuant to Rule 17(i)(1).

Consideration and entry of the attached Information Disclosure
Statement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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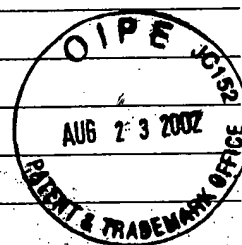
Description:

UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(d)(ii) & \$180 (# 1573)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, 1449 & REF

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

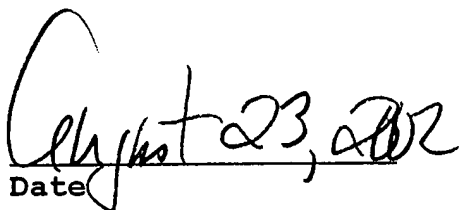
Also enclosed is a copy of a European Search Report bearing a mailing date of June 10, 2002, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use

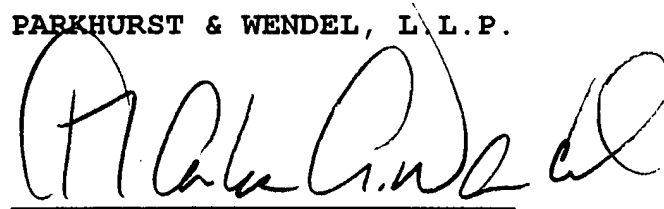
any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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